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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer/Comptroller, OSA

SUBJECT: Annual Report to PFIAB for 1971

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REFERENCE: Memo from EX/COMPT to D/OPS dated
11 June 1971; Subject: Report to the PFIAB
for 1971 (9112-71)

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Attached is Deputy for Operations, OSA input to subject
report.

Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Operations, OSA

Attachment:

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I- ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A. IDEALIST

1. The IDEALIST program maintained an Operationally Ready^{25X1} status with the capability of accomplishing the assigned mission: "To conduct covert reconnaissance [redacted] over denied and hostile territory, or peripheral reconnaissance on a world-wide basis in support of intelligence objectives of the United States." Two^{25X1} detachments, one at Edwards Air Force Base, California, and one at [redacted] provide a rapid reaction, covert capability to respond to fast developing world-wide contingency situations. With its organizational structure, facilities, and equipment in being and in operation, IDEALIST becomes a national asset with an inherent value in its ability to fulfill national requirements. This ability was reconfirmed in FY 1971 with the successful completion^{25X1} of [redacted] peripheral missions off the coast of mainland China, a rapid reaction deployment [redacted] a requalification of selected pilots for carrier operations. The program is budgeted at approximately [redacted] and, as such, provides an economical means of meeting certain photographic reconnaissance and [redacted] needs in potential crisis environments.^{25X1}

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d. Photographic [] missions []

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area were conducted [] on the following dates in 1970:

11 August	6 October
14 August	10 October
18 August	15 October
22 August	18 October
27 August (2 missions)	23 October
	27 October
	30 October
3 September	
6 September	
8 September	1 November
10 September	4 November
13 September	5 November
18 September	6 November
21 September	7 November
24 September	10 November
27 September	
28 September	

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A stand-down was directed which terminated operational []
area missions with the mission on 10 November 1970.

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e. During the operation it was necessary to return one
of the aircraft [] to Edwards AFB for phase maintenance
and at the same time maintain a two aircraft operational capability. 25X1
A swap was effected as follows:

21 September 1970: One U-2 [] deployed
from Edwards AFB to []

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22 September 1970: Aircraft [] continued on from

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7 October 1970: Aircraft 055 began return to Edwards

AFB for phase maintenance by initial deployment to

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8 October 1970: Aircraft deployed from

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to Edwards.

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f. 13 December 1970: Two U-2s deployed from

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to

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g. 14 December 1970: Two U-2s deployed from

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to Edwards AFB. This terminated the

operation.

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3. IDEALIST/TACKLE missions continued to operate in accordance with the 40 Committee restriction that there would be no approach closer than 20 nautical miles to the China mainland. All of missions flown in FY 1971 were successful.

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a. Photographic missions were flown on:

24 July 1970	14 December 1970
29 July 1970	8 January 1971
18 August 1970	30 January 1971
6 October 1970	24 February 1971
21 October 1970	12 April 1971
5 November 1970	29 April 1971
23 November 1970	15 June 1971

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b.  missions were flown on:

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7 May 1971

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c. Combination  and photographic missions

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were flown on:

26 May 1971

10 June 1971

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8. Other projects which the IDEALIST resources have supported include:

- a. Hurricane Base Line Survey: This was a continuation of the project to provide a photographic base line of the southern United States for future hurricane damage assessment.
- b. Snow Survey: Provided photography for California water resources survey for the Department of Commerce.
- c. RED DOT: Continued to support the Color Task Force with photographic coverage of selected targets in CONUS. This provides comparison of color and black and white photography and assists in determining usefulness of various filters and film emulsions.
- d. Atmospheric Tests: These NRO directed missions were flown in support of photographic testing in New Mexico.
- e. Earthquake Photo: IDEALIST resources provided photographic coverage of the damage caused by the earthquake in Southern California during February 1971.

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9. Overflight Ban: We continue to operate with the 40 Committee restriction requiring U-2 flights to remain at least 20 nautical miles from the Chinese mainland. Thus, the intelligence collection effort is limited to those facilities which can be photographed from a stand off

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position.

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2. Based on this, planning for the anticipated

was terminated. Although no date was established

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for a follow-on operation, a low key feasibility study of this concept is

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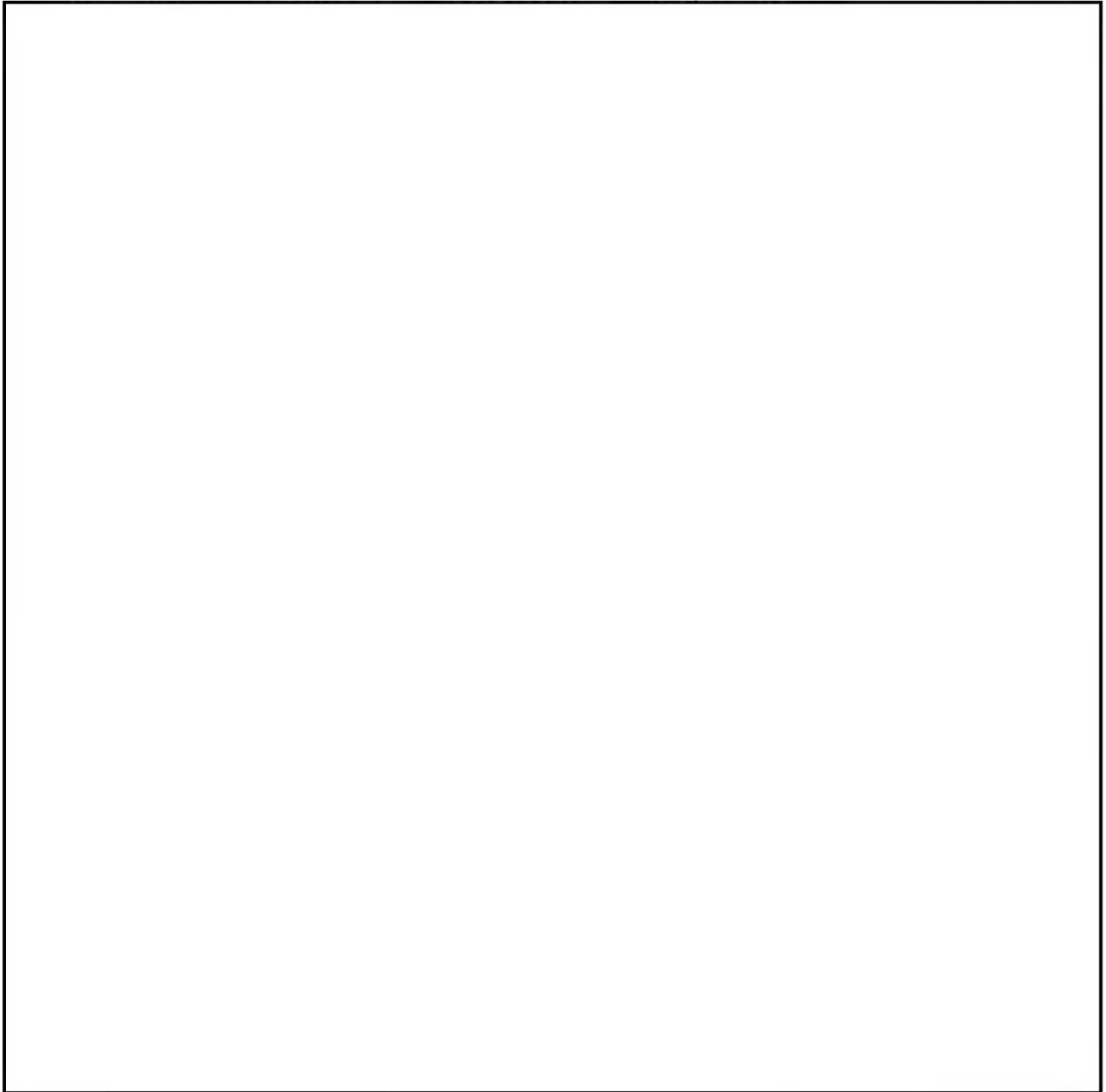
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contemplated to delineate the practical limits of such collection devices
and to explore the use of other types of delivery vehicles.



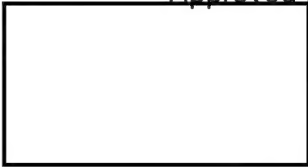
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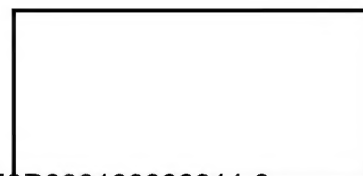
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3. System validation and training will begin and continue through FY 1972. A limited operational capability will be developed by the first quarter of FY 1973.

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